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**Statement from Atlanta City Councilmember Joyce M. Sheperd on the death of  
community activist Barney Simms**

"Words cannot express my sadness on the loss of Barney Simms, I will always cherish Barney's commitment to his community and the city of Atlanta. As I reflect on the many times we worked together as Neighborhood Planning Unit Chairs and in his various capacities on the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board, the License Review Board and within the Atlanta Housing Authority, one of my greatest memories of him was his constant push for me to run for public office. I am truly blessed to have had Barney as a dear friend and a supporter."

"Barney, I will always honor our memories." – **Joyce M. Sheperd, Atlanta City Council, District 12**